GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RETIREMENT AGE OF PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to raise the retirement age of the pilots;

(b) if so, the reasons for raising the age limit; and

(c) the methodology to be followed to assess the physical fitness of such pilots?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) and (c): With sustained growth in the aviation sector, the country is facing a shortage of experienced commercial pilots. To overcome the present shortage, Government has permitted airline operators to utilize the services of professional pilots upto the age of 61 years beyond the maximum age limit of 60 years subject to the conditions that

(i) Pilot should have clean medical record i.e. no medical limitations on license privileges,

(ii) Pilot should undergo fresh Class I medical assessment from IAM Bangalore/AFCME New Delhi every 3 month. Exemption for flying beyond 60 years is granted on case to case basis on the recommendations of the duly constituted Board consisting of Principal Director - Medical Services (Specialist), IAF, as Chairman with Director of Operations (Training & Licensing) and Representative of Chief Flight Operations Inspector as Members.